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Via ECF

Honorable Alison J. Nathan
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Bouchard Transportation Co., Inc. v. Laurel Shipping LLC et al.*, 19-cv-09559-AJN—
Laurel's Release of Vessels Per Settlement Agreement

Dear Judge Nathan:

We represent Laurel Shipping LLC ("Laurel") in the above-captioned matter and write in regards to the Notice of Release of Vessels ("NOR") that Laurel filed on June 15, 2020 (ECF Dkt. No. 99).

Laurel and Bouchard Transportation Co., Inc. ("Bouchard") entered into a Settlement Agreement that required Laurel to release the M/V JANE A. BOUCHARD and M/V EVENING STAR from custody following their respective arrests. The M/V JANE A. BOUCHARD was released on May 21, 2020 to Bouchard. After Laurel filed the NOR on June 15, 2020, it emailed counsel for Bouchard and informed him that the M/V EVENING STAR was released and located at Homeport, 305 Front Street, Staten Island, NY. As a courtesy, Laurel provided the contact information for the substitute custodian in order to facilitate a handover of the vessel. Bouchard never contacted the substitute custodian, and since the M/V EVENING STAR has been released per agreement of both Laurel and Bouchard, Laurel informed the Homeport Terminal that the M/V EVENING STAR has been released from arrest as of June 15, 2020. As such, the M/V EVENING STAR is no longer in the custody of Laurel or the substitute custodian (as substitute for the U.S. Marshal) and accordingly, Laurel, the substitute custodian, and the U.S. Marshal have no responsibility or liability for or relating to the vessel from and after the time and date of Laurel's release.

Respectfully submitted,

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